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THEIR ANGRY PASSIONS ROSE

The North Carolina post of the American Legion has just had a meeting, a state convention, attended by perhaps a thousand delegates. The question came up of whether to approve or disapprove of the hospitalization work of Dr. Sawyer, the personal physician of the President, and there was a motion to commend the President and the Governor of the State for their efforts to maintain "law and order in this crisis."

Sounds fair enough, and likewise tame enough, does it not? But the boys got mad about these and kindred matters and the next formal question to come before the house was whether the use of profanity should be cut out, inasmuch as a few ladies were present. Apparently there was little regard for the sensibilities of the gentlemen.

Presumably, if the officers allowed it, the boys talked to the Germans across the Hindenburg line in pretty much the same way that they talked to one another across the hall. At one stage of the proceedings they resolved to refrain from the use of "cuss" words, but the good resolution was a short duration. Finally it was agreed to give Dr. Sawyer a good, seal-brown roast for "fighting proper hospitalization," and the law and order resolution was put through in amended form.

But can you beat it? Here were a thousand men who had gone forth to battle to make the world safe for democracy. They fought, bled, and were ready to die together, and he buried under the poppies. Yet here they were raising hymns of hate against one another, over a couple of convention resolutions which did not amount to anything one way or another. The question seems to protrude whether our own part of the world has been made safe for democracy.

THE COST OF LAWLESSNESS

Three Southern Railway shopmen took a young man from the shops at Asheville, N. C., removed his clothing and beat him with whips. They have just been given a sentence of seven years at hard labor at the state prison, the action of the Superior court judge having attracted wide attention. The court said: "As long as there is a constitution the people will not stand for any man or group of men decreeing where and when other men may work. This is an atrocious crime, rendered more atrocious because a helpless boy, out of work, who had to work for a living, was thus mistreated."

Such acts of brutality have not paid. They have not paid the men who have been guilty of them, the cause, or the community in which they have occurred. Just how grievously these men erred will be

realized when it is reflected that the decision of the court was a righteous one. The Gazette has taken occasion to commend the conduct of the men on strike in this section. Once more we are reminded of this, by the things that have transpired elsewhere.

AFTER MR. LODGE

The altogether impeccable Mr. Lodge will, it is assumed, win a re-nomination to the Senate rather handily in the primary election today, but we do violence to no confidences when we tell the world that this, the most highly polished product of the Back Bay region, is going to be made to live hard during the weeks to come. Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, has just been made Chairman of the Senatorial Campaign Committee, largely with the idea that he is to make it his chief end in life to see to it that Mr. Lodge is properly looked after from the Democratic point of view, once the campaign opens.

Representatives of the Senatorial committee are to visit Massachusetts to determine where speakers of National note can be sent to the best advantage, and it is certain that every friend of Former President Wilson may be depended upon to perform a manifest duty. During the League of Nations contest, Mr. Lodge was the particular antithesis of the then occupant of the White House, and it is certain that the Massachusetts Senator did his utmost—which was a good deal—to make of Mr. Wilson one of the casualties of the war.

Wherefore, if the defeat of Mr. Lodge can somehow be encompassed in the fall election a great many people are going to see in the enterprise a marked degree of poetic, retributive and other kinds of justice. Messrs. Gaston and Whipple are the prominent contenders for the Democratic nomination, and we are told that either would be regarded as worthy foemen of the Lodge steel, as they, too, have whatever advantages are to be found in the Back Bay background. Both are men of culture, and are finely equipped, intellectually.

The Gazette is informed that Col. Edward Halsey, of this state, is to aid in the work of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign committee. For some time Colonel Halsey was associated with the late Senator John W. Daniel, the Lame Lion of Lynchburg. The personnel of the committee is certain to be a strong one.

IN CONGRESS

SENATE

Met at noon and recessed at 4:25 p. m. until today at 12 o'clock.
The \$5,000,000 Liberian loan bill was attacked by Senator Borah (Republican), Idaho; defended by Senator Curtis (Republican), Kansas, and went over until today.

Senator Borah offered an amendment appropriating \$20,000,000 for reclamation work, asserting that if the United States had money to lend it would do a better service to utilize it for the advantage of its own people. He contended the United States was under no moral obligation to make the loan; that it would do the people of Liberia no good and meant ultimately the taking over of the African republic.

Supporting the attitude of the State Department, Senator Curtis said there existed a moral obligation to make the loan in conformity with pledges by the previous administration.

The conference report on the bill for the removal of snow and ice within the District of Columbia was adopted.

Passed a House bill giving magistrates and courts of Porto Rico equal powers with United States Federal courts and commissioners in enforcing the Volstead law in the island.

Persons sending letters through the mails threatening bodily harm or injury to the property of the recipient would be fined \$3,000 and imprisoned for two years under a bill by Senator New favorably reported from the judiciary committee.

Passed the river and harbor development bill after amending it to provide for Federal acquisition of the Cape Cod, Mass., and Dismal Swamp, Va., and North Carolina canals. It authorizes a total expenditure of \$45,000,000 and affects approximately 40 projects.

Revision of corporation and personal income taxes is proposed in bills introduced by Senator King (Democrat), Utah; also a bill requiring government publication of an annual income tax directory containing names and addresses of taxpayers and the amount paid.

Conferees on the soldier bonus bill reached a full agreement. The Simmons amendment proposing to finance the bonus with interest on the foreign debt and the Senate \$350,000,000 land reclamation project were stricken from the bill. Senator Smoot (Republican) and Representative Garner (Democrat), Texas, withheld their signatures from the report.

HOUSE

Met at noon and adjourned at 3:20 p. m. until today at 12 o'clock.
Conference report on the tariff bill will be submitted to the House today and called up tomorrow.

The administration twin coal bills, designed to regulate distribution of fuel during the emergency and for creation of a fact-finding commission were sent to conference, an early agreement being indicated by the conferees.

By a vote of 133 to 77 approved conference report on the additional judges bill and sent the measure to the White House. Under the bill the President is authorized to appoint 25 additional Federal judges.

Demand for impeachment of Attorney General Daugherty for "high crimes and misdemeanors" in connection with recent injunction proceedings were made by Representative Keller (Republican), Minnesota, but by an overwhelming vote the question was referred to the judiciary committee. In the opinion of leaders, this disposes of it finally.

Abolition of the railroad labor board and the setting up in its place of "a disinterested tribunal" for settlement of railroad labor disputes was proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Hoch (Republican), Kansas.

Passed two Senate bills to aid in the prosecution of war fraud cases. They would give any district court jurisdiction over witnesses anywhere in the United States and give the government the right to elect the trial court of any cases by the residence or location of any one of the persons accused.

VIRGINIA NEWS PARACRAPHEE

Lynchburg—Judge Henry C. McDowell in the Federal District Court here today dismissed the contempt charges against Frank Crowder, striking Norfolk and Western car repairer. Crowder, who was tried here August 31 on the charge of intimidating W. E. Wertz, a car repairer, who struck but later returned to work. The defense in the hearing was that Wertz did not know of the purpose of the injunction order further than that it prohibited picketing at one point by more than one striker. The order recites the fact that the Court was not satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant knew of the provisions of the order, hence the discharge of the charge. Crowder was recognized in \$100 without bail at the end of the trial for appearance next December 13, unless advised in the meantime that he would not be needed.

Danville—R. S. Foster has made representations to Senator Swanson regarding the alleged acceptance by officers in charge of the local naval recruiting office of minors for service in the navy. John Foster, his son, 15 years old, enlisted without the consent of his parents, it is alleged, gave his age as 18 and was accepted. He was sent to the navy and has since written to his father threatening suicide unless he succeeds in "getting out." Foster says that his son could not be mistaken for an 18-year-old and claims to have collected \$1,000 for the boy from Danville being accepted under similar circumstances.

Danville—George Going was convicted Saturday in the Patrick Circuit Court at Stuart, of the murder of Robert Allen, nearly two years ago and was sentenced to serve 15 years in the penitentiary. Another indictment charging him with the murder of George Akers is pending and will be tried at the next term of court.

Norfolk—Two brothers, released from the Portsmouth jail, started home to their mother up State yesterday. They were put in jail 30 days ago at their own request, in an effort to cure themselves of the drug habit. They believe the endeavor has been effective. A month ago they made application to the authorities to be placed behind the bars, where they would be unable to get more of the "dope" which has been wrecking their lives. Their request was granted, though the authorities were skeptical. They kept the men's names secret and did not allow them to go on the official roster.

Lynchburg—The nineteenth session of Lynchburg College will open tomorrow with the largest enrollment in history. The student body of more than 200 will tax the capacity of the buildings.

Danville—The Supreme Court of Virginia will decide the automatic slot machine question which has arisen in various parts of the State recently. Judge Withers in a declaratory opinion, rendered after he had heard arguments on both sides, has held that the devices are in violation of the State Anti-Gambling act and has sustained the action of the Mayor in declaring them illegal in the police court. Lawyers for owners of these machines have already taken the first steps toward an appeal, putting the entire question before the Court of Appeals. One of the devices was moved into the courtroom and was operated for the benefit of the court.

A strong array of counsel appeared arguing in favor of the legality of the machines.

Richmond—Nanning M. Ward, of Richmond, has been nominated by the third annual republican convention as candidate for congress to oppose Congressman W. C. Montague. Mr. Ward is publisher of the Virginia Tribune, a radical organ in the city.

Chatham—The contest to ripen for the harvest at Brandy Station. The first seed started is now over 50 feet in depth, the quality of

the oil is fine and the quantity seems so assured that the value of oil stock has doubled in the past few days.

Danville—The city is now selling empty fruit jars, these being the containers of liquor which has been poured out. There are several hundred of them on hand, and now that the canning season is in full swing there has come a demand for them. Judge Price Withers was consulted before the containers were sold, and he saw no objection to their being marketed at a fixed price.

Richmond—Parked in the rear of the home of Policeman Wright Friday morning was a handsome new car loaded with 90 gallons of liquor. The discovery was made by Rev. W. A. Wright, of the Methodist church. Thursday night officers chased the liquor-laden car several blocks, firing several shots at it, but it managed to elude pursuit and took refuge in the alley where it was found Friday. The car and liquor were confiscated. The name of the owner of the car is known. Three men who were transferring the liquor ran off after parking the car, which had developed engine trouble.

Has Names and Names to Spare

The greatest name-changer in the history of the world has been discovered by the Post Office Department, it is believed.

The man lives in Montreal, Canada, and is in the business of trying to obtain money from American citizens by advertising picture puzzle contests in the newspapers and offering certain prizes of jewelry to persons solving the puzzle correctly.

Several months ago the Post Office Department issued a fraud order against this man under the name of the Crown Silverware Company. Since then he has changed the name of his company no less than twenty-five times, continuing his advertisements in American newspapers.

When last heard from on August 15, the Montreal advertiser used two firm names. They were the Mexican Diamond Company and the Northern Silverware Company. On that date a fraud order was issued against him and the Post Office authorities were hopeful that he would discontinue his attempts to flim-flam glibly Americans through his "false" newspaper advertisements.

The champion name-changer, however, was not baffled and dug up some new nom de plumes at once. Scarcely two weeks had passed before he broke out again under the new names of the United Silverware Company, the Roy Silverware Company and the Radiant Diamond Company, all of Montreal.

COMMUNICATION

Editor Gazette: We note with surprise the petition laid before the city manager for a public library, when we need so many more essential things—for instance help with the playground, public fountain, small spaces where weary travellers can rest, waiting room, besides other things too numerous to mention. There is a very good library in Alexandria where for the small sum of \$2.00 per year one can get all the new books and read the magazines there in the rooms.

ONE SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR EACH FAMILY

An average of more than one savings account for every family in the United States is indicated in partial data for the country compiled by the Savings Bank Division of the American Bankers Association, revealing over 26,000,000 savings depositors in the sources of data covered. In addition, there are at least ten million other owners of savings accounts of varied forms whose numbers cannot be reduced to definite figures.

ARNOLD APPOINTED M. P. SUPERINTENDENT

The officers and teachers association of the Methodist Protestant

Sunday School met last night and the resignation of F. W. Ehardt as superintendent was presented. Owing to duties that were so numerous it was impossible for him to give the time to the school that he thought was necessary for this work he explained. Upon the accepting of his resignation he was immediately appointed teacher of the Men's Adult Bible Class.

During the eight years that Mr. Ehardt has been superintendent of the school, it has more than doubled in size.

Mr. Ehardt will continue as President of the Board of Stewards and Chairman of the monthly conference of the joint session of the stewards and trustees.

De Howard L. Arnold, who has been serving as assistant superintendent of the school was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Ehardt.

England's Middle Class Is Quickly Passing

(By United Press)
London, Sept. 12.—England is threatened with the extinction of what are loosely termed the middle classes, the "backbone of the Empire." From this stratum have come the majority of famous English statesmen, poets, philosophers, scientists and leaders of every branch of thought and activity of centuries.

Recently published birth and marriage statistics throughout England and Wales reveal that for years children had been multiplying in the slum areas of London, Liverpool, Manchester and similar congested centers at two or three times the middle-class rate. Most experts attribute this condition to the heavy burden of taxation on the average citizen.

Marrriages in England and Wales during the first quarter of this year show a startling decrease. The cost of living and abnormal conditions arising from the war have had a marked effect on the number of marriages.

The Government has undertaken to compile a census showing comparative birth-rates in various occupations and professions. According to an official in the office of the Registrar-general, it will be the most comprehensive report of its kind in existence.

An official Government statement said: "This census will bring home to the public as a whole, the imminent danger of the passing of the middle classes. The disproportion in the fertility of the comfortable classes and the slum areas is staggering. Population is increasing rapidly in sections unfit for the growth of healthy, useful children, while it is declining with alarming rapidity in the thrifty and wealthy sections."

The two factors which are steadily destroying the "middle classes" are:

1. Late marriages and the consequent tendency to limit families.
2. The marked selfishness of the younger and pleasure loving generation, who flounder in the morass of birth control and malthusian doctrines.

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The new business manager of the city, Wilder M. Rich has been instructed by Mayor William A. Smoot to proceed to collect all licenses from merchants, business and professional men, automobile owners and others which have not been paid. Unless these licenses are paid by October 1 Mayor Smoot announces that he has instructed the business manager to proceed under the law to collect these licenses. No exceptions will be made it is announced.

ORDERS EQUIPMENT IN BY TO-NIGHT

An inspection of the Alexandria Machine Gun Company on a check on its equipment is being conducted this week by Captain G. H. Gelman, company commander of Company I 116th Inf., Va., N. G., of Winchester, Va.

As a check is being made on company equipment, Lieut. William P. Byrd, commander of the local organization, last night issued an order that all men who have in their homes or elsewhere any property whatsoever that is assigned to the company should turn in the same to the Armory Hall not later than 7 p. m. today.

PLAY FOR STRIKERS

Under the auspices of Alexandria Council No. 5, Order Fraternal Americans, a play will be presented Wednesday and Thursday evening in the Elks' auditorium for the benefit of the railroad striking shipmen. First will be presented a drama entitled "Lighthouse by the Sea" and this will be followed by a vaudeville specialties.

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